Students treated to educational exhibits

Learning is going great with sixth graders these days.

On Tuesday, Oct. 26 the students from the classes of Mrs. B. Jackson and Mrs. D. Turner were given a demonstration on how computers work. Mr. Clark, Mr. Carter and the ACHS students, from a first period class, brought eight computers to our classrooms and after showing sixth graders how to operate them each student was allowed to use one.

This was quite an interesting experience,. It made us long for our personal computer but I don't think we will all rush out and buy one just yet.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Morris, mother of Melanie Morris (who is a sixth grader in Mrs. D. Turner's room) brought a special guest to our room. Mrs. Mohle, who is from India, told us many interesting facts about life in her native country. As we are studying The Middle East, this was very timely and interesting.

With the help of Mr. Roy Bennett of the Central Fidelity Banbk, our class has had an educational as well as a funtime "Banking" in our own bank in Room Eleven, including being robbed by a 'gang' from Mrs. B. Jackson's room.

Learning can be fun!

Students earn certificates

Three year gold certificates have been earned by the following music students of Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan: Patricia Chandler, Debbie Johnson, Susan Morris, Connie Krantz, Karen Doss, Bobby Hart, Cathy Johnson, Natasha Woolridge, Latrese Lee for piano duet.

For vocal, gold certificates were earned by Traci Moore and Lisa Puckett.

For solo, gold certificates were earned by Bobby Hart, Traci Moore, Becky Baker, Janet Baldwin and Roxanne Williams.

The most coveted red 6 year superior certificates were received by Kimberly Beale and Billy Carter for piano solo.

STUDENTS IN THE SIXTH GRADE AT Appomattox Elementary School get the lowdown on computer technology with the help of live demonstrations. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

ON OCTOBER 16, 1982 six officers from the Appomattox Senior FFA Chapter presented a Parliamentary Procedure demonstration for a group of 4-H district leaders at the 4-H district office. The demonstration was to show the 4-H leaders the proper use of Parliamentary Procedure at regular meetings. Chapter officers who participated were Glenn McClenny, President; Richard Conner, First Vice President; Connie Krantz, Second Vice-President; Lisa Coleman, Reporter; and Darrell Conner, Historian.

Arthritis support to be meeting's topic

A meeting is planned to determine interest in organizing in Appomattox an arthritis Support Group, associated with the Virginia Chapter-Arthritis Foundation.

The immediate purpose of the group would be to help local arthritics and their families better cope with this disease, through monthly meeting programs and informal discussion groups.

This organizaitonal meeting will be held on Tues., Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church. Speaking will be Mrs. Joanne Waugh, director of Central Virginia Branch-Arthritis Foundation. Informative brochures will be available. All interested persons please attend.

School Menus

Middle School Menu

Thurs., Nov. 4 - Corn dog, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, raisin cookie, milk.

Fri., Nov. 5 - Sausage pattie, buttered peas, apple sticks, hot roll, milk.

Mon., Nov. 8 - hot dog on bun/chili, baked beans, fruit, brownie, milk.

Tues., Nov. 9 - Chili beans, apple sauce, cole slaw, hot roll, milk.

Wed., Nov. 10 - Turkey pot pie, whipped potatoes, boiled cabbage, hot roll, milk.

Appomattox Elementary Menu

Mon., Nov. 8 - Chicken fillet w/bun, green beans, creamy potatoes, sliced peaches, milk.

Tues., Nov. 9 - Cheeseburgers, hash browns w/catsup, mixed vegetables, applesauce, milk

Wed., Nov. 10 - Sausage pizza, tomato & lettuce salad, w/dressing, buttered carrots, fruit cup, milk.

Thurs., Nov. 11 - Hot dog on bun, cole slaw, pork & beans, peach cobbler, milk

Fri., Nov. 12 - Meat loaf, hot rolls, seasoned mixed greens, creamy potatoes, pineapple slices, milk.

Art exhibited at AES

Appomattox Elementary School is hosting an exhibit from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts until November 12.

The display is a collection of 13 silkscreen poster designs by noted graphic designer Paul Rand. The nature of Rand's posters was perhaps best characterized by Gibson A. Danes, Dean of the School of Art and Architecture at Yale University when Rand taught there: "at a moment when we are surfeited with the mundane and the mediocre, Paul Rand's precise, elegant and often witty visual statements are like a spring breeze." Sample titles include "Three Animals", "Heart", "Dance", and "Ice Cream Cone".

The public is cordially invited to view the exhibit during school hours.

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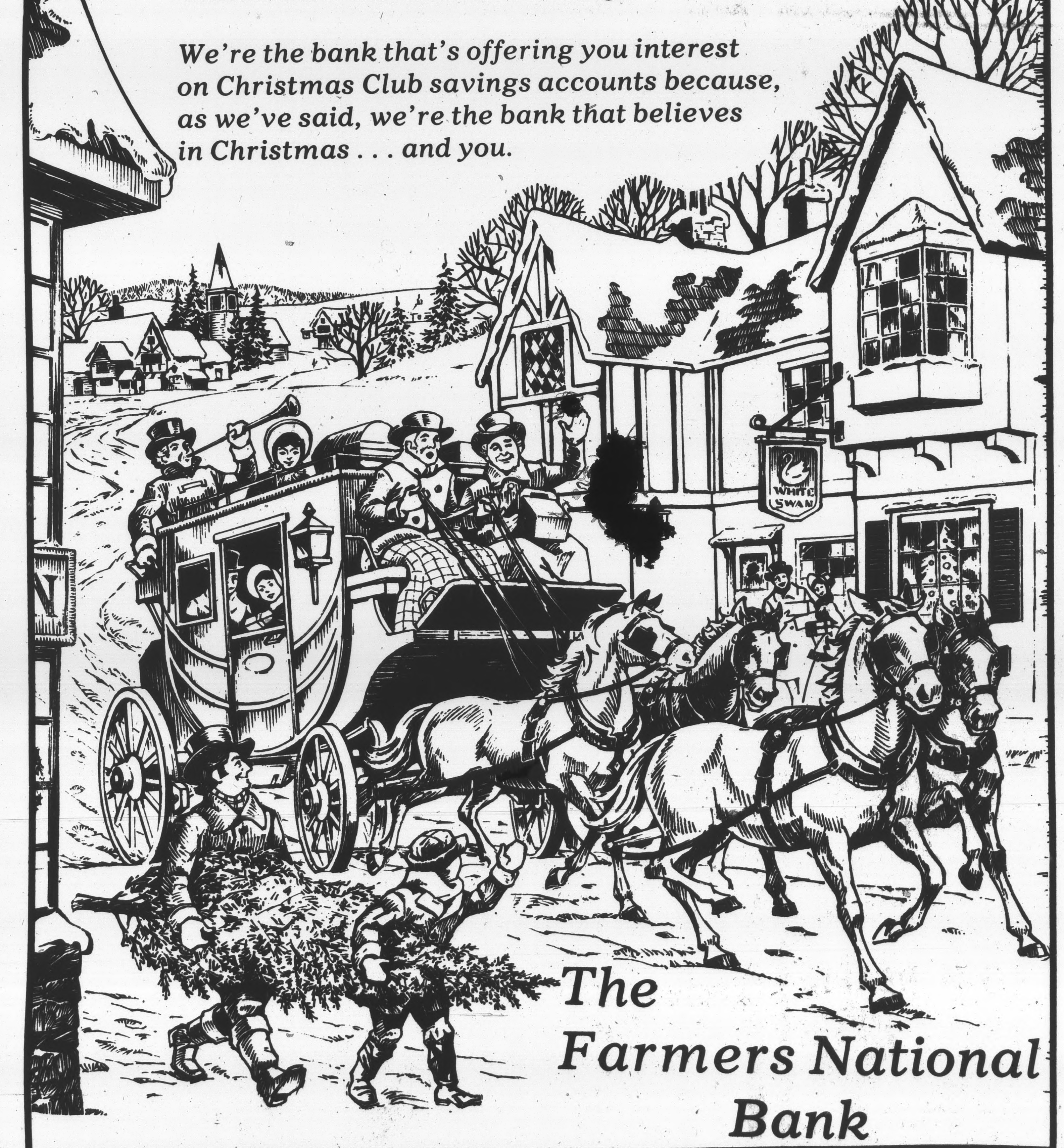

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JIM WEBB, (far right) owner-operator of the factory set to open on Dec. 1 in the old Pamplin School Building looks on with approval as Jimmy Baldwin, top left, Ralph Hamlett, top right, and Michael Woods, bottom left, work at getting the building ready for the new enterprise. (Photo by Frances Paulette)

Work underway on new factory in Pamplin

By FRANCES PAULETTE

The sound of banging hammers and the swish of paint brushes at the old Pamplin School Building on Saturday brought smiles to the faces of Pamplin residents.

The school building, empty and quiet since the Appomattox County School Board closed the school approximately five months ago, will house the new factory opening soon.

"If everything goes well," commented Jim Webb, owner-operator of the new enterprise, "we hope to be at work around the first of December with approximately 50 workers on payroll at the beginning and a potential of up to 100 or even 150 later on."

Webb, who has more than 20 years experience in the garment industry and was for ten years plant manager for the Amelia Dress Co. in Pamplin which burned down in March of this year, is happy things are working out. Unemployment benefits for the workers left jobless by the fire are just beginning to run out.

At the meeting of the Pamplin Town Council Tuesday evening last week, the Town of Pamplin accepted the school building as a gift from the county. And, with the acceptance of the deed, they accepted Webb's proposed lease agreement of $500 a month in rent for three consecutive five-year terms, full insurance coverage, and incidental repairs. In addition, he offered use of the cafeteria for town functions. His most important offer was employment.

Webb backed up his offer with an agreement from Courtland Manufacturing, Inc. to guarantee the 15 year lease on the property.

"It's just like a miracle," said Ralph Hamlett, Pamplin Town Council member, who was among the approximately 25 Pamplin residents working at the school building on Saturday.

"The factory is coming at just the right time," added Hamlett. "And, these men are happy to be helping today; the women of Pamplin provided the men with a good lunch today. The Town of Pamplin is contracting the installation of the heat pump and the overhead insulation. The town people are doing the insulation of the windows and some other work."

"We're working people here in Pamplin," added Hamlett, "and we have a 12 acre tract open for an industrial site, and we're willing to talk seriously with any potential industry interested."

"We'll be working again this coming Saturday," commented Webb, "and we welcome any interested citizens who would like to give us a hand in getting the building in shape for the factory opening."

Mayor and Council tune in on cable television

Cable television and ways to improve cable TV reception in Appomattox were discussed at Monday night's meeting of the Appomattox Mayor and Council.

Vic Bosiger, representing Appomattox Cable Television, Inc., appeared before the mayor and council to discuss problems aired by some of the service subscribers.

Bosiger noted that the majority of the calls received by the cable company are dealth with promptly, adding that there are "very few callbacks" following initial service calls.

He asked that members of the Town Council who receive calls forward them to Appomattox Cable Television,"so we can find out what problems there are" with the system.

One concern expressed by members of the Town Council is that there is too much repetition in the net work programming carried on the cable. Councilman Tommy Lawson asked if Bosiger would compile a list of channels which the Appomattox system can receive, so that the town can choose a greater variety for its cable subscribers.

Bosiger said that he would compile the list. He also said that he is planning to install new antennae on the cable reception tower, which should improve cable subscribers' reception.

Equipment which will enable the Appomattox system to receive the Christian Broadcast Network has arrived for installation in the Appomattox system, Bosiger said.

He also said that some of the reception problems experienced by cable subscribers is unavoidable, and can be attributed to a variety of factors, ranging from power line interference to the alignment of the moon, sun and cable satellites.

Appomattox Mayor Ronnie Spiggle said that in general, the people have been satisfied with the cable service," He said that the council wanted to answer the questions that citizens had posed to them.

In other business, council members received a report from consulting engineer Bernard Proctor regarding the town's proposed sewer-improvement project.

Proctor noted that the average sewer-user fee per month for Appomattox Town residents would be a minimum of $8, in the event that the town has to borrow the approximately $365,000 needed to pay the local obligation for the $1.275 million project.

The loan would be at a 5 percent interest from the Farmers Home Administration, according to Town Manager Bill Britton. Britton has applied for a block grant to cover almost all of the town's share of the cost, and should receive some word on whether the town will receive the grant by the middle of this month.

Council members also heard requests from Sharla Kvasnicka and Jay Stubblefield, students in Mrs. Coleman's sixth-grade class at Appomattox Elementary School that that the town please be sure and turn on the downtown Christmas lights for the upcoming holiday season.

The town had considered not turning on the lights this year because of the age of the fixtures the possibility of their being dangerous to the installers.

Appomattox students get Monday off to hunt deer

Public school students in Appomattox County will have the opportunity to go hunting on the first day of deer season this year, as Monday, November 15, has been designated as inservice day for county teachers.

Monday's designation is part of an ongoing effort to improve annual student attendance in public schools. The plan was formulated last year by the School Board, since the first day of hunting season has traditionally been one of poor school attendance. The plan was successful last year which resulted in the Board continuing with the practice this year.

Teachers will be involved in inservice activities from 10:00 a.m. until noon Monday, according to Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools in the county. The inservice activities will be conducted according to subjects taught by the individual teachers, on a countywide basis.

From 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the teachers will be in their schools to meet with parents.

Walton said Monday that parents having specific plans, questions or ideas to discuss with teachers should call their child's school and set up an appointment with the teacher, no later than this Friday afternoon.

"Parents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to visit the different schools and meet with their children's teachers," Walton said.

Teachers will be involved in a variety of activities which includes visiting the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and the Art Education Department at VCU for the art teachers; a panel discussion on elementary language arts by elementary teachers for English teachers; and observation of teaching of foreign language at CVCC for the foreign language teachers.

Teachers in grades K-2 will hear Ginger Welch, a doctoral student at UVA, speak on the language experience approach to reading. Teachers in grades 3-6 will have Mrs. Jane Andes, Amherst County elementary principal, meet with them to discuss classroom management. Members of the guidance departments will visit in the other departments to receive information which will be helpful to them in their work.

Library personnel will be in Richmond to work in the Media Center of the State Department of Education where they will review materials in preparation of placing library orders. Mathematics teachers will meet together to discuss Minimum Competencies for Graduation and Standards of Learning.

Arrangements have been made for music teachers to observe in Campbell County.

Teachers of physical education and health will have a demonstration of physical education equipment. Science teachers will visit in Lynchburg schools where they will observe and talk with teachers. Social Studies teachers will spend their time working on their curriculum guide.

Appomattox will host Martinsville Friday

Appomattox will host Martinsville this Friday night in the first game of the Class AA, Region III Virginia High School League football playoffs.

The Raiders defeated William Campbell last Friday night 33-8 to win the Seminole District championship. Martinsville is representing the Piedmont District in the playoffs.

In the other Region III playoff game, Blue Ridge District champions Lexington will host Brookville, the Regional-playoff wildcard team.

If Appomattox wins against Martinsville Friday, the regional finals will likely be held at Bragg Stadium in Appomattox.

To accomodate the expected large turnout for Friday night's game, new bleachers have been added to the field behind Appomattox Middle School. The expanded seating capacity will accomodate 550 extra spectators on the visiting team's side of the field.

ACHS Athletic Director Howard Clabough notes that tickets for the game will be on sale in advance Thursday and Friday between 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

All tickets for the regional game will be $3, according to Clabough.

Revco armed robbery

Robbery suspect found

A 35-year-old Danville man has been arrested in connection with armed robberies here and in Rockbridge County, according to the Appomattox County Sheriff's Department.

Jerry Spencer was apprehended in Danville after a Super-X Drug Store was robbed Saturday in Rockbridge, according to the Sheriff's Department.

The arrest came following an intensive investigation involving an armed robbery at approximately 8 p.m. Friday night at the Triangle Plaza Revco Drug Store in Appomattox, according to the Sheriff's Department.

In the Appomattox robbery, witnesses said a man, fitting Spencer's description entered the Revco store at about 8 p.m., went to the back of the building and picked up a school-supplies pencil bag, then returned to the front of the store to the check-out counter.

The man then opened his jacket, exposing a handgun in his belt, and told the cashier to be quiet, and hurry and put all the money in the pencil bag.

The cashier got a good look at the suspect, and this description as well as other evidence gathered following the Appomattox robbery were used in the investigation.

Spencer was arrested in Danville after an extensive investigation, and later admitted to both the Appomattox and the Rockbridge County robberies.

Father Darkleaf

By Calvin Robinson

Monday morning on Martha Street. Correction - A lovely Monday morning all over Central Virginia. A bit chilly to start and then a melting of slight frost and everything turns up roses, all aces, and we look for another great Fall week. This date in 1979 the 7 A.M. temperature was 31, with frost. Same date in 1980, up to 52. And 34 in 1981.

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Attractive events all over Virginia. Example: at Urbanna, in historic Middlesex County, the 25th Annual Oyster Festival was held Saturday and attended by over 30,000 people. Feasting on untold bushels of oysters served up raw, in stews, fried, frittered, roasted. Along with side helpings of shrimp, crabmeat, scallops and clams.

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And coming up on CBS television Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday a Civil War drama, The Blue and The Gray. Based on the famous book by Bruce Catton, this is the detailed story of our great War Between the States, from Sumter to Appomattox. Catton, now dead, was here for the Centennial in '65.

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Liberty Chapel Baptist Church celebrated Sunday morning a record of more than 200 years of Sunday School classes.

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A standing ovation for the ACHS Raider football team! Seminole District champs and all set for a post-season game here Friday night against Martinsville. And hope the weather cooperates. There should be another overflow crowd.

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Hurrah for Benjamin E. Martin, 17, of Spout Spring, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Martin. He will be part of a 104-voice Future Farmers of America Chorus to perform before some 23,000 FFA members and guests at the 56th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 11-13.

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Football goes on, strike or no among the pros. Sure bet: Herschel Walker, Georgia, for All-American. Had a week-end of upsets, with No. 1 Pitt falling to Notre Dame and mighty Alabama losing to LSU. But Appomattox won. And so did Slippery Rock, 20 to 14, over Millersville State.

Had a long bulb planting session in my garden spot, thanks to fine help from two friends. Actually, they did all the digging! Come Spring, hope to have a display of tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, etc.

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All around town there has been a lot of leaf raking and other Fall outdoor activity. Gee, they should change the name of Oakleigh Ave., to Oakleaf Ave. I note that some use pine tags as a mulch. The big point is that there is a lot of pride in keeping up with outdoor chores and Appomattox looks the better for it. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

Lucado wins contest

Mary Lucado took top honors in last week's football contest after a three-way tiebreaker in which Wilson Staples finished second and Teresa Mayberry finished a close third.

Lucado, Staples and Mayberry each missed accurately predicting the outcomes of four of the 23 football games in the contest, in a week marked by several major-college upsets.

Eight other contestants were in the running last week. Missing only five of the contest games were Timmy Turner, Sharon Cheatham, Steve Marshall, Peggy Marshall, Ray Conner, David M. Stratton, Reggie Turner and Laura Mayberry.

For her prowess in predicting the outcome of last week's football contest games, Mary Lucado will receive a check for $20 from the **Times-Virginian**, and a free chicken dinner from the Chicken Palace Restaurant.

For her second-place efforts, Staples will receive a check for $10 from the newspaper and a free chicken dinner from the Chicken Palace.

The football contest continues inside this week, with full details on the contest regulations and prizes in this issue.

Hunting licenses will be sold in county Saturday

The Appomattox County Circuit Court Clerk's office will be open this Saturday (Nov. 13) from 9 a.m. until noon for the sale of hunting licenses.

Deer-hunting season begins in Appomattox County Monday (Nov. 15). A big-game stamp, and a regular state hunting license are needed to hunt deer. Both are available at the County Clerk's office.

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